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Minor Irrigation

Execution of minor irrigation works in Bellary district.

* 1526 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state for each of the taluks of the Bellary district—

(*a*) the total number of minor irrigation tanks;

(*b*) how many of them are in repair and how many of them are out of repair according to the last jamabandi report;

(*c*) whether estimates have been obtained for the repair of the tanks reported to need repairs and if so, in the case of how many;

(*d*) if there are any for which estimates have not been prepared, the reasons for the omission and whether estimates have been asked to be prepared for them and if not, why not;

(*e*) the number of permanent and temporary minor irrigation sub-overseers in the district and the taluk or taluks they are respectively in charge of and the amount of fixed travelling allowance allowed to each per month;

(*f*) how it compares with the travelling allowance drawn by Revenue Inspectors, Police Sub-Inspectors, Excise Sub-Inspectors, Local Fund overseers and Public Works Department overseers for their respective jurisdictions; and

(*g*) whether there is a supervisor for the district to scrutinize the estimates prepared by the minor irrigation sub-overseers and supervise the sanctioned works in progress and if not, what the other arrangements are for such technical scrutiny of estimates and supervision for works?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement[a] giving the particulars required is attached.

(*e*) There are three permanent sub-overseers, of whom one is in charge of Bellary, Sirugappa and Rayadrug taluks, another in charge of Adoni and Alur taluks and the third is in charge of Hospet and Kudligi taluks. There is one temporary overseer who is in charge of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli taluks. Each of the four sub-overseers draws a fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 27–8–0.

(*f*) The rates of fixed travelling allowance drawn by Government and Local Fund subordinates of the classes mentioned are as under:—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Revenue Inspectors	22	8	0	
Excise Sub-Inspectors ...	25	0	0	
Public Works Department Overseers	30	0	0	if in charge of more than one taluk and Rs. 22–8–0 in other cases.
Local Fund Overseers ...	40	0	0	
(Police Sub-Inspectors do not draw fixed travelling allowance but are paid ordinary travelling allowance under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.				

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(g) There is no supervisor in Bellary. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 1, clause (iii), Part I of Board's Standing Order No. 87, as amended by correction slip No. 255, dated 5th September 1927, which contains the existing orders regarding the scrutiny of estimates.

Panchayat Forests

Alleged memorial regarding the Ajjarkadu Panchayat Forest.

* 1527 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the memorial submitted to His Excellency the Governor by the people of Kadekar and four other villages of Udipi taluk in regard to the Ajjarkadu Panchayat Forest; and

(b) what action they propose to take for redressing the grievances mentioned in the memorial?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Establishments

Number of cases filed in the Courts of the Revenue Divisional Officers of Puttur, Coondapoor and Mangalore.

* 1528 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to answer to question No. 1237 answered on 24th January 1930, whether he has got the information regarding the number of revenue and criminal cases filed in the Courts of the Revenue Divisional Officers of Puttur, Coondapoor and Mangalore in South Kanara (figures to be got separately)?

A.—The information has been called for but has not yet been received.

Elections

Preparation of revised electoral rolls for the next elections to the Council.

* 1529 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether Government have decided to order the preparation of revised electoral rolls for the elections (if any) that may take place after the termination of this Council in June next?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 9 (4) of the Madras Electoral Rules. The electoral rolls for the constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council were last revised and published in October 1929 and are in force now.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether the electoral rolls referred to in the answer given to this question will be in force at the time of the next election?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think so, Sir."